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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants hereby request the status of the above-referenced patent application. The last correspondence received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) regarding the above-referenced patent application was an Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief which was mailed on February 5, 2008. In the Advisory Action, it was stated that "... finality of the last office action will be withdrawn, the Amendment After Final submitted 30 October, 2007, will be entered and a new office action setting forth the grounds of rejection will be forthcoming."

To date, Applicants have not received any further communication from the USPTO.

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be advised of the present status of the above-referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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